

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010

7:30 P.M.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Executive Session – Appoint Vice-Mayor

Bedford, Ohio

January 2, 2009

Bedford City Council met in an organizational work session at Bedford City Hall on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Dan Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizzak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders.

At this time, Bedford City Council went into an executive session to discuss the appointment of the Vice-Mayor.

Executive session concluded at 7:55 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE3. SWEARING IN CEREMONIES

Ward 1

Warner Batten - granddaughter Brianne

Ward 3

Marilyn Zolata - Sheriff Bob Reid

Ward 5

Greg Pozar - father Pat Pozar

Mayor/President of Council

Daniel S. Pocek - Mayor Frank Jackson

4. ROLL CALL

- all →

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion appointing Vice-Mayor

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Stankoci → all6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

→ All introduced

7. ADJOURNMENT

K - M → all

8. RECEPTION

Mayor Pocek welcomed everyone to the Organizational Meeting being held on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 8:01 P.M. The Mayor asked everyone to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Ward 1	Warner Batten sworn in by his granddaughter Briann Batten
Ward 3	Marilyn Zolata sworn in by Cuyahoga County Sheriff Robert Reid
Ward 5	Greg Pozar sworn in by his father Pat Pozar
Mayor/ President of Council	Daniel Pocek sworn in by Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson

The roll was called. Present: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Absent: None.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Mizensak to appoint Stan Koci Vice Mayor. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Pozar who served as Vice Mayor for the past six years. He did a commendable job.

Councilman Batten introduced his family and friends in the audience.

Councilwoman Marilyn Zolata introduced her family and friends in the audience. She appreciates everyone for being here tonight. Mrs. Zolata thanked Mr. Reid for being here to swear her in tonight.

Councilwoman Zolata thanked the Bedford Service workers who have been keeping the streets so clear. She said four years ago at her last swearing in she did not expect to be here again. She enjoys this job and appreciated the residents of Ward 3 who have made it possible for her to be here again. Mrs. Zolata thanked all the members of Council. She said the Mayor and his wife, Christy, refused to acknowledge her comments about not running for reelection. She congratulated all her fellow Council members and the Mayor on their reelection. They will continue to work together as a team. Who knew four years ago the challenges the City would face in the years to come, lost revenues, lost jobs and our own City's sustainability. With the expertise of the Administration and employees, these challenges were met head on, making the difficult but necessary decisions, while maintaining the quality of life in the City. With the help of the residents, the City reached their goal and the residents will not be let down. Councilwoman Zolata is honored to be a member of this Council whose fervor and commitment to the City has never diminished. They will continue to maintain a business friendly community and a quality of life that our residents are accustomed to. She thanked everyone again for being there.

Councilman Pozar said a noteworthy thing happened to those that were reelected and sworn in this evening. That is the people that were returned to office tonight collectively have almost 100 years of service. One particular thing they all have in common is that they are not political creatures. They have no aspirations other than to maintain the standard in the City of Bedford and the love for the people that they serve. However, none of them have alluded to how many more years of service they have. Mr. Pozar said they must prepare for a time when the reins of the government of the City of Bedford are turned over to the next generation of people that are willing to make a sacrifice and perform this essential task. The number of people that may be qualified to do so is reduced every year and is evidenced by the attendance at the Council meetings. It usually takes a dissatisfaction of underserved constituents to have challengers. This group of Council members has been here through good times and difficult times, much has been accomplished. Mr. Pozar is thankful to be associated with them.

Councilman Pozar is also thankful for all of his friends and family here tonight including his father. He is most thankful for his partner and wife. This is her chopped liver day, it is her birthday. She is so giving. What everyone here will enjoy eating tonight was prepared by her for the reception. She is unselfish, loving and steady. He asked everyone to wish her a Happy Birthday and to thank her for the wonderful desserts she has prepared. Councilman Pozar introduced his friends and family in the audience.

Mayor Pocek introduced all dignitaries in the audience along with family and friends.

Mayor Pocek said the City of Bedford went through a difficult year. This Council worked hard, and the residents of Bedford passed the Safety Force Levy after passing a school levy in May. This speaks volumes of the commitment to the City these citizens have. The Safety Force Levy passed by 71% which is unbelievable. Mayor Pocek said Mr. Bender and his wife worked hard to help the City with the levy and he thanked them. The City is going to run a tight ship this year and weather this storm. There are deep roots in this town. The members of Council have been together almost 10 years and they are the finest group of people to work with. They have done a tremendous job. There is a cohesiveness between this Council and Administration. He thanked the Acting City Manager, Ken Schuman, for stepping forward to do the work. He took the bull by the horn and got this levy passed with the help of Helen Briggs who served as Chairperson along with members of the Administration. They did a tremendous job.

Mayor Pocek asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Koci seconded by Mizsak to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council